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100-odd two-wheelers parked on roadside near park inconvenience
Indiranagar residents/senior citizens out for walks

INVADERS OF LOST SPACE

Police register FIR against firm in question

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Residents of Indiranagar are grossly inconvenienced due to misuse of public space by a business establishment situated on the 1st Cross in the locality.

Residents and citizens BM spoke to said that on an average more than 100 two-wheelers are parked on one side of the road adjacent to the park near BM Shri Junction making it inconvenient to the residents and senior citizens who visit the park for walks.

"We have been running pillar to post for the last three days seeking authorities' help to clear the two-wheelers from the roadside which is meant for public use. The traffic police told us that after three days we have to approach the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities to prevent parking of two-wheelers on the footpath along the 1st Cross of

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Fashionable era

Get ready to visit one of the most trending fashion showcases at the Hi Life Exhibition. You can find an exclusive collection of ethnic designs, fashion apparel, accessories, jewellery, and fashion statements for your home. Don't forget to indulge in finding footwear, rugs and carpets, furniture, capes, jackets, bridal ensembles, and more.
Where: The Lalit Ashok
When: December 1 to 3; 10 am to 8 pm

02 Potters' world

After a break of six years, Bengaluru Studio Potters Market returns to showcase the incredible talents of 36 artists from various places in India. You can get your hands on some of the unique creations. It's a wonderful opportunity for art enthusiasts, collectors, and the general public to connect with these creators. **Where: Chitrakala Parishath**
When: December 8 to 10; 10:30 am–7 pm

03 Cute show

Don't miss the opportunity to get into the world of dogs, as Silicon City Kennel Club, Bengaluru, is presenting the All India Championship Dog Show in association with Bangalore Canine Club. Some of the international experts will be judging the show. **Where: Hockey ground, Veterinary College campus, Hebbal; When: December 2 and 3; 9 am to 5 pm**

Mighty show

People clicking pictures of the life-size elephant sculptures made out of the toxic invasive weed Lantana camara plants, placed near Vidhana Soudha for the pre-launch of the Lantana Elephants Exhibition in Bengaluru on Wednesday

In defense: Shield your ears from infections

City doctors report rise in ear infections among both young and adults; they advise regular handwashing, wearing masks, and using sanitisers to curb spread of viral infections

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The recent shift in weather patterns has triggered a notable rise in viral infections, and it is likely exacerbated by the increased movement of people between cities. Health professionals are seeing a spike in the number of viral infection cases, and there has also been an uptick in the number of ear infections among both young and adults.

Dr NG Kanchan, Consultant, Internal Medicine, Trilife Hospital, pointed out that on average, they are seeing 25 to 30 cases of ear infections in a week, and the most common causes of ear infections are viral and bacterial infections.

The doctors have advised bringing back the concept of wearing masks for those affected by the infections so that they don't spread from one person to another.

Dr Kanchan said, "We need to start wearing masks on a regular basis, especially when we visit crowded places, attend functions, or are visiting a gathering. Recurrent hand washing is also advised, as is the use of sanitisers and sanitising wipes. They also help with regular cleaning of surfaces where we come into constant contact with our phones, laptops, or tabletops. The bed spreads have to be repeatedly sanitised and changed. Also, we have to avoid contacts such as recurrent contact with plants, be it indoor plants or outdoor gardening, which have to be a little curtailed, especially when we have some mild symptoms of infections, such as ear infections. "

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Furthermore, Dr Rajath Athreya, Senior Consultant and HOD, Paediatrics and Neonatology, Sakra World Hospital Bengaluru, said, "Viral infections often stem from respiratory viruses, with rhinovirus, adenoviruses, and influenza viruses (commonly known as the flu virus) being prevalent. Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is also widespread. Additionally, there are viral infections associated with gastrointestinal issues and dengue. Presently, respiratory viruses, particularly flu-like illnesses, dominate the list of common viral infections. Over the past six months, there has been a rise in reported cases of viral infections. Initially, adenovirus dominated for two months, followed by the prevalence of influenza A and B. Subsequently, there was a surge in RSV. Presently, there is a mix of various respiratory viruses being observed."

Key preventive measures:

- Avoid coming into close contact with infected people
- Practice hand hygiene; wash your hands frequently
- Use a mask and cover your mouth while coughing and sneezing
- Stay hydrated and drink a lot of fluids
- Get vaccinated to prevent viral infections

According to Dr Athreya, children are the predominant age group being reported, and they are experiencing successful recovery primarily through outpatient care. A minor percentage necessitates hospital admission, with approximately 20–30 children presenting with respiratory viral infections and fevers on any given day. Among these cases, about half exhibit flu-like symptoms, and only 3–4 children, constituting a small proportion, require hospitalisation, with an even smaller fraction admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU).

Dr Girish Anand, MS Consultant, ENT Surgery, Aster CMI Hospital, pointed out that the recent uptick has been observed to be due to travelling from city to city and weather change. "When a person travels to multiple cities or is an international traveller, they act as carriers of infections and one of the causes for spreading the infection. The mechanism of viral action is that once a virus enters a body, it travels along the cells of the body until it binds to the receptors on the cells and enters them to reproduce such viruses in plenty," he said.

IT firm jobs scam: Fraudster falls in police trap, nabbed

A man who defrauded over a 1,000 recent graduates and jobless individuals by offering them positions at Bengaluru's IT firms was taken into custody by the police. Pavan Kumar Kolly has been named as the culprit, who is charged with conning the victims of around Rs 20 crore. It is alleged that the accused and his friends targeted graduates from Andhra Pradesh, seeking employment in Bengaluru.

Pavan and his friends set up 'Simath Technologies' and 'Monty Corps' businesses, where they gave victims false employment offers. According to reports, Pavan obtained the list of jobless individuals and students seeking employment from pals who worked for various businesses in the city. The victims allegedly received old laptops to work with and were promised jobs with salaries of Rs 5 lakh CTC.

The accused allegedly took between Rs 2 and 3 lakh from the victims on the pretense that their businesses were start-ups in need of funding. According to reports, Pavan gave the victims salary for a month or two before firing them for a variety of reasons and keeping their money. It is

Victims lost around Rs 3 lakh each

reported that the gang deceived over 1,000 candidates.

After multiple victims filed complaints at the Whitefield police station, Pavan Kumar fled to Delhi. After setting up a trap, the police got in touch with him and told him that 20 individuals were looking for work and that they would pay him. The accused allegedly took a trip back to Bengaluru and was apprehended while getting ready to meet the job seekers at a hotel in Bengaluru.

1 more arrest in child-trafficking case

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) Police on Wednesday detained another suspect in the child-trafficking case, Ramya, bringing the total number of suspects arrested to 10. Following the other accused's revelation of her involvement in the case, Ramya from Hebbal was taken into custody.

The CCB police busted the child trafficking racket and freed a 20-day-old baby. At the time of the arrests, the accused were in the middle of selling the child.

The defendants had previously been in-vitro fertilisation agents. They lost their jobs when the Surrogacy Act's regulations were strengthened. The accused then established their own network and got to work. **BMB**

Top traffic peeves: Tampered number plates, wheelies

Traffic cops on toes; citizens' cries for help on social media prompts swift action

Police conduct various drives to curb specific violations

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> **We have identified certain accounts that post about violations and we check them. We keep getting complaints about tampered number plates** –Traffic official

Traffic police say that due to an increasing number of citizen activists tweeting about violations on social media, their outreach too is increasing. A top cop in the traffic department told BM that the police personnel check social media every day and, "if they tag us, we respond".

He added that recently a lot of people have started posting about fake or tampered number plates and about wheeling incidents in the city.

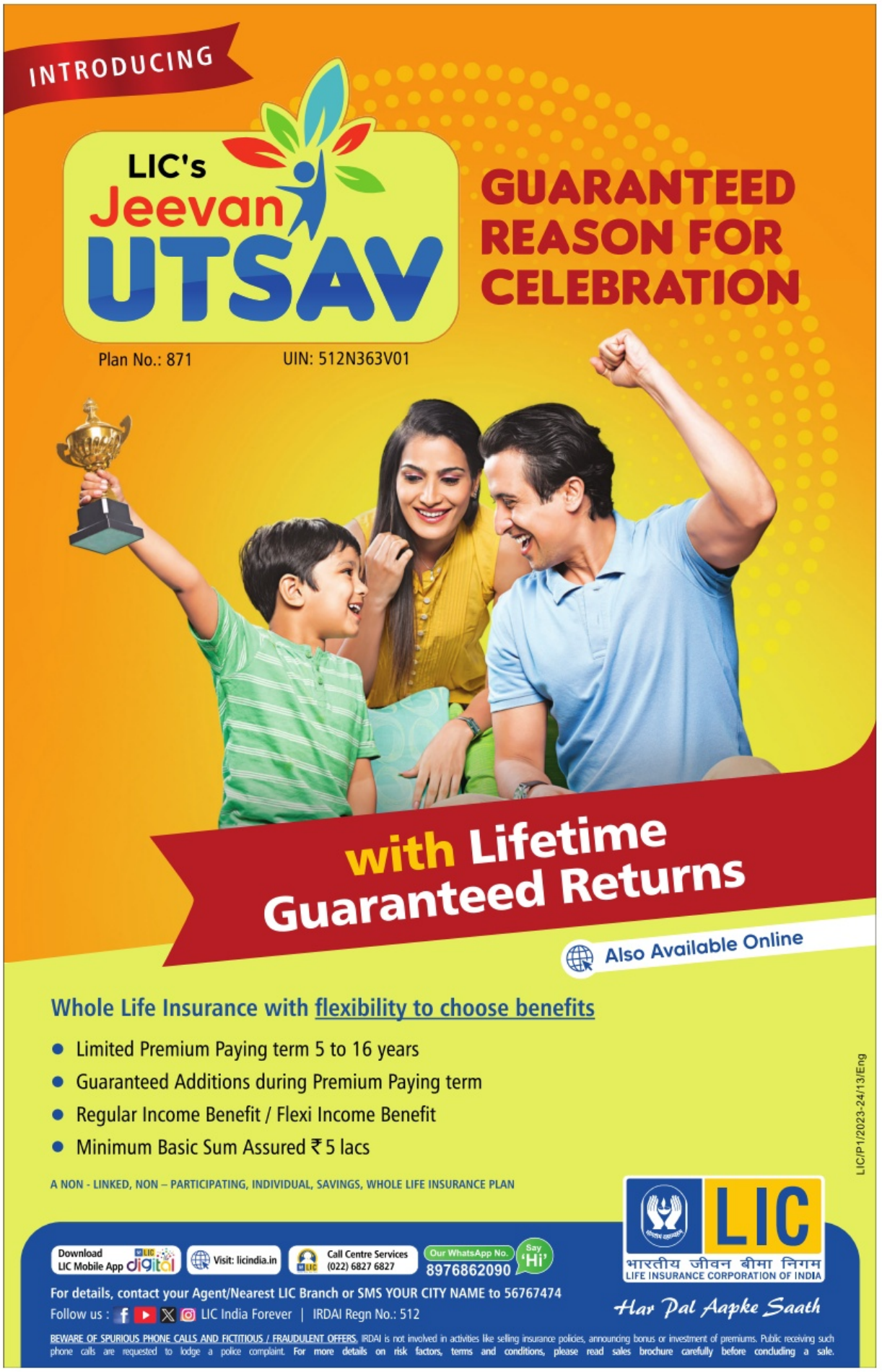
"People report many incidents on their social media accounts; we have also identified certain accounts that post about violations in the city and we check them frequently. We keep receiving complaints about tampered number plates," he said.

A citizen activist told BM that social media has been of great help in bringing such instances to light. "This is one of the challenging and tricky violations to handle as the registration plate itself has been tampered. Those who don't want their registration plates to be seen are more likely to violate traffic rules and harm other road users - sometimes fatally. Citizen activists are doing a good job of alerting the police. But it is not just the activists, every responsible citizen should flag such irregularities," he said.

On November 29, Deputy Commissioner of Police Traffic East Division, Kuldeep Kumar Jain also shared that a 30-year-old was caught with a hidden registration plate.

The cop said that a netizen took a photo of a two wheeler rider on the Old Madras Main Road under KR Puram traffic police station area with the registration number of his two wheeler hidden and tagged it on the X account of Bengaluru City Traffic Department. Based on the complaint, the traffic police station found the two-wheeler rider and seized his vehicle.

The police have also filed an FIR in this case.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Target: Let's restore this lake at all costs

MTF initiates cleanup operation at Kannamangala Lake; rents Jal Dost (boat-like mechanised vehicle) to seamlessly pick up water lettuce

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Despite the successful restoration efforts carried out four years ago by the Kannamangala Panchayat, citizens, and officials, the condition of Kannamangala Lake had gradually worsened. The emergence of water lettuce on the lake's surface led to recent fish-kill incidents. Fortunately, the intervention of Jal Dost has now become a beacon of hope for the lake's revival.

Water lettuce, a floating aquatic plant, had taken over the lake, affecting its health and causing harm to aquatic life. Recognising the severity of the issue, the Mahadevapura Task Force (MTF) for the Environment and the Kannamangala Panchayat teamed up to find a solution.

In a bid to combat the water lettuce infestation, the MTF, in collaboration with the CSIR-NAL (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research—National Aerospace Laboratories) team, introduced 'Jal Dost,' a boat-like mechanised vehicle designed to seamlessly pick up water lettuce. The paddle-like wheels of Jal Dost not only remove the invasive plant but also aerate the water, enhancing its overall quality.

Lingaraj Urs, chairman of the Mahadevapura Task Force for Environment and member of Kannamangala Grama Panchayat, explained, "We attempted manual cleanup using coracles and labourers, but it proved ineffective. That's when we decided to use Jal Dost. While the machine is costly, we are renting it for use. The cleanup operation will span eight days, significantly improving the lake's water quality."

He further highlighted the eco-friendly approach, stating, "Debris from the lake will be repurposed. We plan to leave it on open farmland, and once it dries, farmers can use it as manure. This way, there is no waste, and farmers are willing to take advantage of this natural resource."

> **"The introduction of Jal Dost brings renewed hope for the lake. It's a reminder that innovative solutions can address environmental issues**
> –Clement Jayakumar

Negative effects of water lettuce

Water lettuce, while seemingly harmless, can have detrimental effects on aquatic ecosystems. Its rapid growth and coverage on the water surface deprive other aquatic plants of sunlight and oxygen, leading to a decline in water quality. The plant also creates a breeding ground for mosquitoes and can cause oxygen depletion, resulting in fish kills.

"The introduction of Jal Dost brings renewed hope for Kannamangala Lake. It's a reminder that innovative solutions can address environmental issues. Small actions can make a significant positive change for the community," added Clement Jayakumar from the Mahadevpura Task Force.

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Firm's space invasion in Indiranagar

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Indiranagar," said Sneha Nandihal of I Change Indiranagar.

She said many people, especially those working at nearby offices, are finding it difficult to park their vehicles. "I want the business establishments to follow the norms. If business establishments occupy most of the public space where will the public park their vehicles?" she wondered.

A Alam Pasha, a resident and rights activist, said the residents of Indiranagar have been suffering due to commercialisation of lung space.

"People working at the Ola Showroom situated on CMH Road have dumped Ola vehicles on one side of the road adjacent to a park near BM Shri Junction. It has become a nuisance for the residents and senior citizens. The authorities concerned, including the traffic police and BBMP, are not showing concern about misuse of public space by Ola showroom. Mere filing of a first information report (FIR) is not a solution as the matter will be addressed after a decade. The BBMP must take responsibility and cancel the commercial licence granted in such locations where elderly are obstructed while walking; the purpose of utilising the park is defeated leaving citizens frustrated," said Pasha.

A resident on the condition of anonymity said that he is deeply disappointed. "This is the space where roughly 150 scooters are parked every day by shoppers, office-goers, visitors and other commuters. If their space is taken over by a large company, the least we can expect is police support. The company can find other spaces to store their scooters. We can't park vehicles at Bilekahalli and walk to Indiranagar," said the resident.

> **"I want business establishments to follow norms. If they occupy public space where will public park their vehicles?** — Sneha Nandihal, I Change Indiranagar

When contacted, Jeevan Bhima Nagar police inspector (traffic) said an FIR has been registered against the Ola showroom based on a complaint lodged by head police constable (traffic) Gadigesha.

The FIR was registered under the Section 283 (obstructing any public way) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and section 201 (obstruction of free flow of traffic) of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act.

Meanwhile, Adam B, team leader of Ola showroom, said that traffic police visited the showroom. "They asked us to clear the scooters from the road. We requested them to allow one week's time to clear two-wheelers; the traffic police have agreed to our request. We will clear the two-wheelers from the footpath," said Adam.

It has become a routine for the residents of Indiranagar to raise their voice against commercialisation of public spaces and residential areas as authorities concerned ignore the residents' complaints. Is there any relief for the residents from commercialisation of residential areas and misuse of public space? They have to wait and watch.

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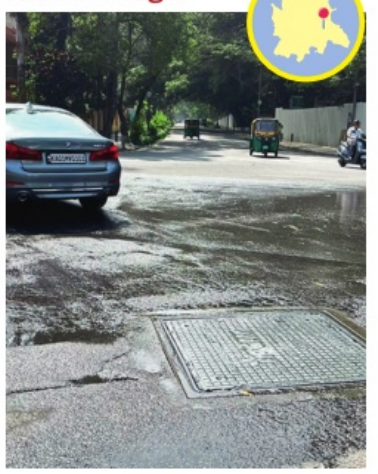
Circle ends

Seshadripuram

Another circle bites the dust at Nehru Circle, Seshadripuram, opposite Reddy Petrol Pump. The area will be tarred and trees removed. BBMP seems to have no idea why circles are designed this way.

What a mess!

Vasanth Nagar



This storm water drain is overflowing on Palace Road, opposite Manikyavelu Mansion and the National Art Gallery in Vasanth Nagar.

Repair it

Vivek Nagar

The white topped road 20 metre opposite Infant Jesus Church in Vivek Nagar was dug up more than an year ago and the same is yet to be filled up. Currently it is lying in very bad shape and causing traffic jams.

Private transport bodies press the panic button

State govt stresses on safety issues, while transporters say it is just financial burden for them

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The panic button has become the latest bone of contention between the government and private transporters. The State Government had recently issued a notification making it mandatory to have a vehicle location tracking device and an emergency panic button in all public transport vehicles and those operating under a national permit. While state government officials say that this has been done in view of public safety, private bodies say that it is too much of a financial strain on them.

K Radhakrishna Holla, president of Karnataka State Travel Operators' Association, said, "This notification is a financial burden for us. This order also means that we need to replace the existing panic button and vehicle tracking which we have installed in our vehicles. We want the government to provide financial assistance for us under the Nirbhaya scheme."

Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations president Nataraj Sharma added that this order is nothing but to help a certain sections of the industry. "When we can get these devices at lesser prices in the market, we are forced to pay premium prices which are not right."

The private bodies have been asked to install these devices by November 30, 2024. There are six lakh vehicles that need to install them, and the government has assigned 13 agencies that can do this. The private transporters have been told that if these devices are not installed, the permits and fitness certificates will not be provided.

However, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said, "The project is being implemented keeping women's safety at the forefront. Accordingly, a panic button has been installed on the buses and an SOS button has been developed in the mobile app so that women passengers can use it in case of any untoward incident on the bus.

Panic & SOS Alert: CCC operator team will monitor Panic alert and Passenger Mobile SOS alert in the AVLS Application.

The Potential Reasons for Panic & SOS Alert: Trouble/Distress to Female Passenger, Female Passenger in Distress, Fight between Crew & Passenger, Fight between Passengers, Any trouble to Passengers, Auditing/Verification by Authorities."

Secure BMTC

BMTC is implementing the AVLS scheme, including namma BMTC mobile application along with an in-bus surveillance system in 5,000 buses and Passenger Information System (PIS) display systems at bus stops for women safety features under the Nirbhaya scheme. One Panic button, one mNVR, and two CC cameras have been installed, and the use of the system is gradually being started in all the depots.

The following is the SOP to be followed by the control room/control room in case the passenger uses/presses the panic button or SOS button.

If passengers press the SOS/panic button, an automated alert is integrated into the control room/control room and mobile numbers given by the control room, an alert will be sent to the mobile number.

Contacting the driving staff of the vehicle alerted by the control room and obtaining information about the situation there. If the alert is found to be genuine, the control room will track the alerted vehicle and convey the information to the nearest Sarathi vehicles to reach the spot and take action.

BM win win situation

Readers, it is time for us to have some fun. As the year winds up, we want to connect with you and understand you better. And, we have a lot of goodies to give away too.

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Ring returns: Metro station guards' act of gold

A miraculous incident of a bank employee finding her lost golden ring in the metro premises has come to light. The incident is said to have taken place on November 27, when she was travelling from Kantriveera Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) metro station to Benniganahalli.

SBI employee, Divya Priyadarshini was returning home from work on Monday when she noticed that her gold ring worth Rs 30,000 was missing while alighting at KSR metro station and soon informed the customer care services at the station. She was assured by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) officials of their best efforts to retrieve the ring. Home guards, Shilpa GR and Eshwaramma, stationed on Platform 2 in the Benniganahalli metro station on the same day around 6:45 pm had noticed a gold ring lying along with pebbles near the ladies coach on a train.

They had then handed the ornament over to assistant safety officer at BMRCL, KN Rajanna. On Monday night, Divya received a call from BMRCL officials regarding a ring being found. She was told to produce evidence to prove ownership and then given the ring..

Eateries are raising a stink at Gandhi Bazaar

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After the pedestrianisation project, residents of Gandhi Bazaar have had to put up with stinking drains. Residents complain that some restaurants and food trucks are dumping waste into the drains.

Gandhi Bazaar, the old business district in Bengaluru, hosts a slew of restraints and other commercial work. Until now, residents have had to bear the brunt of the urban mobility project under which the pedestrianisation project was envisaged. While DULT has dropped the pedestrianisation project, residents say that the new drain vents cause a stinking smell in the area. Residents allege that restaurants and food trucks dump food waste water into the drains. They also allege that the problem started after the new drain vents were installed.

"Some restaurants are dumping their food waste and used water into the drains. Some restaurants are washing their utensils and throwing the water down the drain. After a few hours, it starts smelling. We have been facing the issue for the past 6-7 months. We made complaints to BBMP but there has been no respite," said Guru Prasad, a resident.

While it's a common practice among street food vendors to dump waste into drains, residents say that the design of the drain vent adds to the problem. "In most drains, if you throw waste, only the water would go through. But these new drain vents are designed faulty and the food waste also goes through it" he added. They also added that the drains are clogged and the wastewater is stagnating there.

Another resident said that food trucks are dumping their waste into the drains leading to a stinking mess. "Food trucks wash their carts and dump the water into the drains. It leaves a stinking smell the next day. Wastewater inside the drains does not flow easily and stagnates there. It also leads to mosquito breeding. Municipality has not been taking any measures for pest control and we have been calling them at our expense," said another resident.

Crucial necessity: Time to invest in new public toilets

BBMP plans to construct 255 toilets; citizens point out pitiable conditions of sanitary facilities

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Is Bengaluru truly a global city in terms of public health? Well, the city boasts a population of over 1 crore, with lakhs of people visiting every day. However, shockingly, the city has just 393 public toilets, and most of them are far from usable. In fact, this contradicts the World Health Organisation's (WHO) message that access to safely managed sanitation plays a crucial role in protecting public health and reducing the infectious disease burden. Even the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has admitted that out of the 393 toilets, six are community, 17 are modular, and 10 are precast. Sometime back, the e-toilets were launched with fanfare, but, like every big project, these toilets soon became unused. Around 293 e-toilets in the city have been shut down.

The HC has given a directive to set up committees to come up with proposals on constructing toilets

However, now BBMP plans to start one toilet per ward. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "We plan to construct 255 toilets in the city. We have already identified places to construct toilets. There is a need to construct more toilets in the core city. I have told the officials to find suitable space to construct 46 more toilets. Besides this, there is a need to construct dedicated She Toilets in the city. We will identify where the women working force is more likely to construct such toilets. We plan to float separate tenders to maintain and manage e-toilets. Now, we are working on the feasibility of constructing e-toilets at bus stops themselves. There are toilets inside Indira canteens, and we plan to allow citizens to use toilets inside Indira canteens as well."

> **We have already identified places to construct toilets. There is a need to construct more toilets in the core city. There's also need to construct She Toilets** –Tushar Giri Nath

However, Bengaluru residents are not happy with public health and sanitation. "Bengaluru is considered a global city, and many head to the city for work or other purposes. Toilets are a basic necessity. However, 99% of the toilets in the city are not in a condition to be used. We have a stench from a distance. It is ironic that the public is charged to use public toilets, but still, they are not maintained well. I wonder why we can't set an example by having clean toilets in the city," said Nandini D, a techie.

Nath said that the High Court has given a directive to set up committees to come up with proposals on constructing toilets in public places. Hence, a committee will be set up for comprehensive schemes. A meeting was held in this regard on Wednesday. The meeting discussed constructing toilets in congested areas, markets, and other places.

The World Health Organisation says that diarrhoea remains a major killer but is largely preventable. Better water, sanitation, and hygiene could prevent deaths among children aged under 5 years. A note from the WHO says poor sanitation is believed to be the main cause of these deaths and is a major factor in several neglected tropical diseases, including intestinal worms, schistosomiasis, and trachoma. Poor sanitation also contributes to malnutrition. Open defecation perpetuates a vicious cycle of disease and poverty. The countries where open defecation is most widespread have the highest number of deaths of children aged under 5 years, the highest levels of malnutrition and poverty, and big disparities in wealth. Improved sanitation extends well beyond reducing the risk of diarrhoea by reducing the spread of intestinal worms, schistosomiasis, and trachoma, which are neglected tropical diseases that cause suffering for millions, reducing the severity.

Meeting on illegal abortion

Following the female foeticide scandal that shocked the state, the Karnataka government is convening an emergency meeting on Wednesday to discuss the situation and initiate action.

The Department of Health and Family Welfare is holding the meeting at Vidhana Soudha, and it will be chaired by Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao. Minister Rao has directed the officers to be present with the required information to discuss the female foeticide cases reported in the state and to initiate preventive measures.

The principal secretary, commissioner, project director, and senior officials of the health department will attend the meeting.

The investigation into the foeticide scam that recently came to light in Bengaluru has led to shocking revelations that the accused has aborted 3,000 female foetuses so far.

Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayanand told reporters on Tuesday that the investigations have shown that the accused has carried out 3,000 abortions so far, and in the last three months itself, 242 female foetuses were killed.

The accused had set a target of 1,000 abortions per year to make money, as they charged anywhere between Rs 20,000 and Rs 25,000 per termination of pregnancy.

The scam came to light when Byappanahalli Police, on October 15, tried to stop a vehicle moving suspiciously. The vehicle's driver did not stop and had to be chased by the police before being caught.

During interrogation, the accused spilled the beans about the abortion racket. The police have arrested nine people till now, including two doctors and three lab technicians, for their involvement in the nefarious activity.

The probe also revealed that abortions were conducted at a jaggery production unit in Mandya district, where the accused had set up a lab and related facilities. **–IANS**

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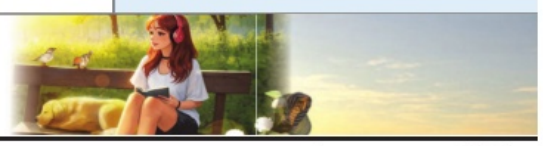

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Delightful hour: Happy tunes of sound bath

Latest wellness trend on block, sound baths, are great way to destress body and mind; it allows to feel peace

A form of sound therapy that uses music and vibrations from instruments to give you a deeply immersive experience, a sound bath involves laying on the floor while practitioners employ the healing powers of different musical instruments. The vibrations from these instruments pulse through your body and release tension, allowing you to feel more peaceful and at ease. The outcome is that you will feel more alert and awake while your body absorbs the sounds around you, allowing you to drift into an otherworldly state.

For centuries, sound baths have been a powerful therapy for individuals looking to unblock the mind and restore balance and harmony in their lives. From crystal bowls to Tibetan singing bowls, tuning forks to bells, gongs, and even chimes, sound baths offer a unique way of experiencing peace and tranquility. Ahead, find the top three ways a sound bath can help you relax.

Helps you tap into a deeper state of consciousness

Sound baths are the perfect way to remove yourself from the busyness of everyday life and enter a state of quiet, calm, and rejuvenation. They're also a great way to create more self-awareness, as the waves produced by your brain synchronise with the music's frequency.

Promotes overall well-being

Sound baths can promote deeper sleep, reduce stress and anxiety, increase overall spiritual well-being, and help you slow down so that you can truly enjoy the moment.

Gives you a chance to truly recharge

Whether you're seeking a restorative experience or simply looking for a break from your daily routine, sound baths provide a unique environment to help you unwind. The idea is to use the sounds of nature, from flowing water to rustling leaves or wind chimes, as an opportunity for quiet reflection and relaxation.

Sound baths are a lot like meditation and breathwork, but with the added benefit of relaxation. They can be taken at home or at a spa, and there's something about the idea of bathing in music that makes it feel both intimate and freeing.

–Femina

Bengaluru Tech Summit

CM says digital divide is a reality we must address

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated the prestigious Bengaluru Tech Summit 2023 on Monday.

Speaking after inaugurating the 26th edition of the tech summit, Siddaramaiah stated, "The digital divide is a reality we must address, ensuring that the benefits of technology reach every citizen, regardless of their background.

"We aim to bridge this gap through targeted initiatives, utilising the power of data and analytics to drive informed decision-making in governance. Beyond Bengaluru is a unique initiative in that direction with the primary focus of developing and enhancing ecosystems in regions beyond Bengaluru and bridging the digital divide."

"Our government is focused on building a seamless ecosystem that attracts investment, talent, and opportunities. We want Karnataka to be seen as the hub with an "end-to-end ecosystem" for innovating and growing businesses," he stated.

Students stand near a model of Chandrayaan-3 mission's Vikram lander and Pragyan rover during the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2023, at Bengaluru Palace, on Wednesday

Karnataka has been at the forefront of pioneering sector specific policies that have played a pivotal role in shaping our state's trajectory towards progress. In 1997, we set a precedent by becoming the first state in the country to introduce a ground-breaking Information Technology Policy. Fast forward to today, and the IT sector stands as a cornerstone of our economy, contributing a substantial 25 per cent to our GDP, the CM explained.

Building on this legacy of innovation, Karnataka was also the pioneer in introducing a Biotech Policy in 2001. As we continue to champion advancements in biotechnology, I am thrilled to announce that a revised Biotech Policy is set to be unveiled at the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS), he said.

"This vibrant industry has not only provided direct employment to over 12 lakh professionals but has also created a ripple effect, generating over 31 lakh indirect jobs. Karnataka's share of software exports, nearly 40 per cent of the country's total, solidifies its position as a global IT powerhouse," Siddaramaiah stated.

The 26th Edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit is organised by the Department of Electronics IT, BT, Software Technology Parks of India. The theme of the year is 'Breaking Boundaries'.

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Pending bill payments: Don't drive contractors to suicide, HC tells govt

Hearing a contempt of court petition on pending bills not being paid, the High Court of Karnataka observed that, according to the government's own records, two contractors have committed suicide and this cannot go on.

"Your records say, it is on record, that two of the contractors have committed suicide. It is on record; your record. Look into that. Don't drive the contractors to the corner," the HC said.

The division bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Krishna S Dixit were hearing a contempt petition filed by Nikshep Infra Projects against the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for not following an earlier order of the court to release payment for pending bills on works executed by the company. In an earlier hearing, the BBMP had submitted that it was disbursing the due amount to various contractors as per "seniority" of the bills submitted.

File photo of a protest by contractors for their pay

The HC, citing its earlier interim order of October 30, 2023, said, "We are unable to understand this concept of BBMP for payment of bills," referring to the inordinate delay in payments for completed works.

The court further said, "In any welfare state, this cannot be a concept when there is no dispute with regard to the fact that a public body floated tender for certain work, successful bidder completes the work by following all the conditions of the work order and public body also admits that the work is duly completed but, still the successful bidder or the contractor is required to wait for the amount due and payable to him for an unreasonable time or has to run from pillar to post for his payment and ultimately."

The HC on Wednesday noted that there was no dispute about the contract. "He was a successful bidder, completed the work and there was nothing on record to say that he had left the work midway and you had to call for another agency to complete the work. There is nothing of that sort. The case is very simple. After completing the work and considerable time, he approaches this court. You can't say he has to wait," the court said.

"Is it your case that you don't have money? Please answer. Why seniority?" the court questioned the BBMP counsel.

When the counsel cited some instances of fake bills, the HC said it was not because of the contractors. "If you are really starting a clean-up operation, start it from your house. Let us know if any action is initiated against your officers. We have made it clear in our order and expected that some wisdom will prevail over the authority," the HC said.

When the BBMP counsel said that guidelines are being framed, the HC said this was its direction. –PTI

DA case: DKS may withdraw his appeal

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday allowed Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to withdraw the appeal filed by him challenging a single judge's order refusing to quash a government sanction to the CBI to prosecute him in a disproportionate assets (DA) case.

The previous BJP government had granted sanction to the CBI to prosecute Shivakumar, also State Congress president, following which an FIR was lodged against him and an investigation undertaken on alleged charges of disproportionate assets. Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi who appeared on video conference arguing for Shivakumar said that since the sanction that is under challenge has been withdrawn by the government, the issue has become infructuous, and therefore, he has instructions to withdraw it. –PTI

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I, Mandar Palsodkar S/o Krishnarao Palsodkar R/o Villa no. 88, Urban Serenity, Thindlu Gate Bagalur Road, Sarjapura Village & Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban 562125 have changed my name to Mandar K Palsodkar

I Sunil Kumara Shankarappa s/o Shankarappa R/o Flat No F-1 Ittina Sarva-2 Apts Hongasandra Bommanahalli B'luru-560068 have changed my name to Sunil Kumar Shankarappa for all Purposes.

I, Noorjahan Moula W/o S M Nowshad R/o #24, Ramji , Rao lane , Kalasipalyam B'lore-560002 have changed my name to M Noorjhan.

I, Noushad Syed Murtuza S/o S A Murthuza R/o #24, Ramji , Rao lane , Kalasipalyam B'lore-560002 have changed my name to S M Nowshad.

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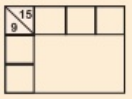
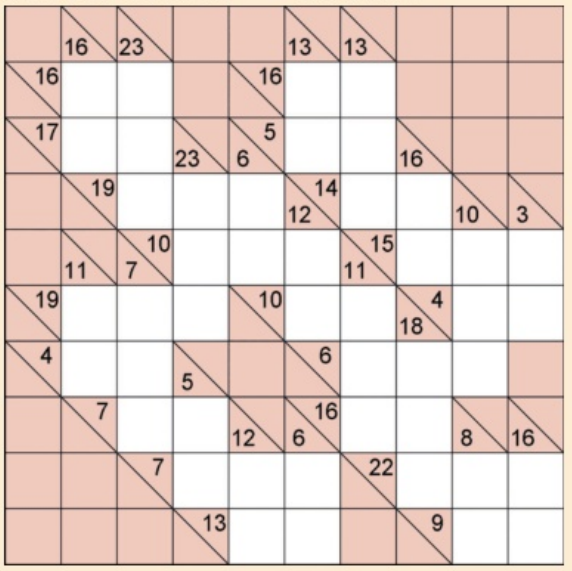
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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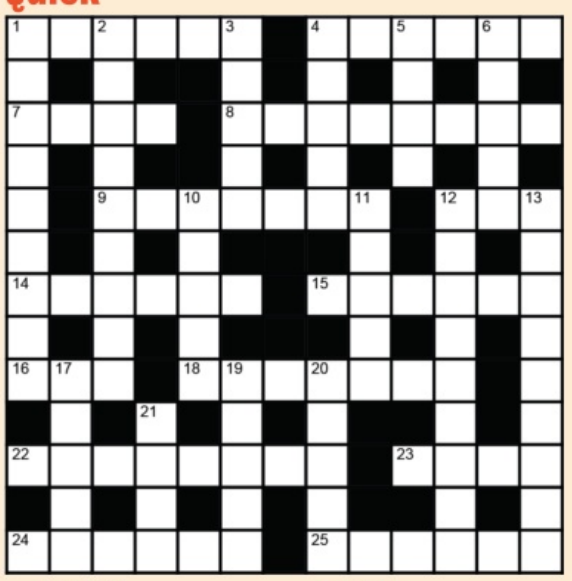


ACROSS

1 Marionette (6)
4 Google browser (6)
7 Onion-like vegetable (4)
8 Eccentric persons, geeks? (8)
9 ___ Building: Skyscraper on M G Road (7)
12 Marvellous (3)
14 Refrain, abstain or halt (6)
15 Disposes of (6)
16 Needlefish (3)
18 Stretchy (7)
22 Like a king's home (8)
23 Wealthy (4)
24 Gain back (6)
25 Keep safe from attack (6)

DOWN

1 Canine involved with law enforcement (6,3)
2 Harbinger (9)
3 Internet pest (5)
4 Officer in training (5)
5 Genuine (4)
6 Mediterranean island (5)
10 Point in dispute (5)
11 Light sailing-vessel (5)
12 The right to vote (9)
13 Pleaded, solicited or supplicated (9)
17 Astonish (5)
19 French river (5)
20 Cold dish of vegetables (5)
21 Hindu God of death (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS D

HU IGMAY'U SBUUMD HC UNM TBUMD HA QGWI GD TBDS HC FGE'DM RGHYR UG NBOM UG TBIM UNDGERN HU BYFTBF.

Linemaro

I like your Facebook status

Mindchow

Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else. You get burned

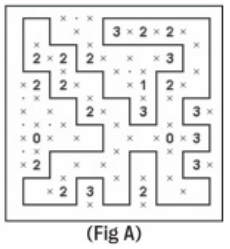
Joke of the day

Should women have children after 35? No, 35 children are enough

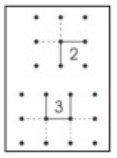
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

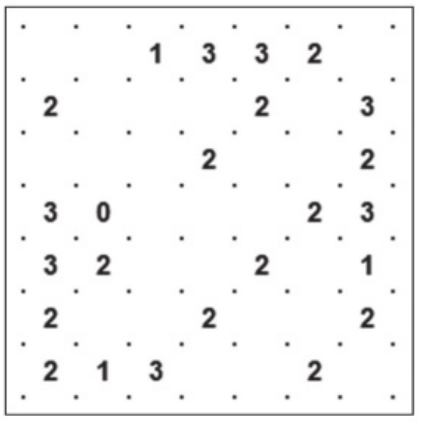


(Fig B) Not Allowed

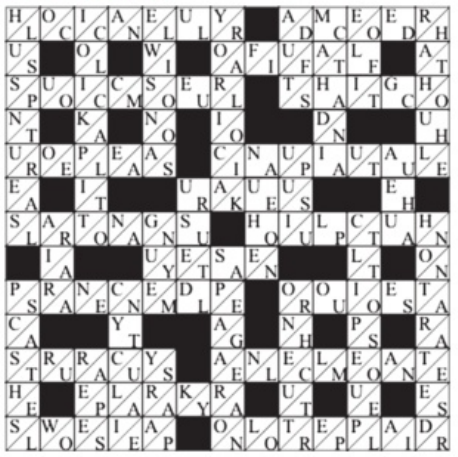
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



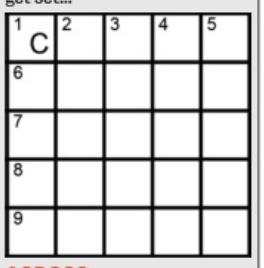
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

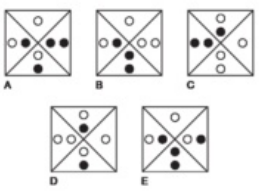
1 Scrub; 6 La Lau; 7 Urger; 8 Me bro; 9 Embay

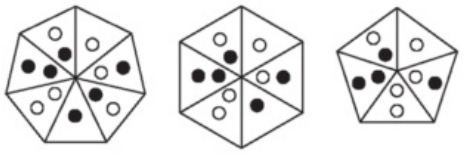
DOWN

1 Macro; 2 A mule; 3 By rug; 4 Rub LB; 5 A seer

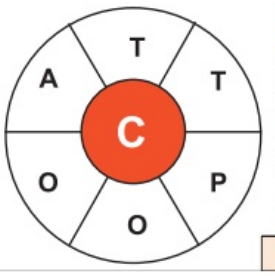
Mensapuzzle

What comes next?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

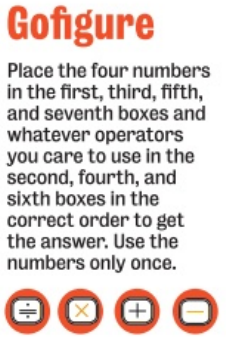
SudokuChallenge

		8	5		2	6		
4			9				1	
			6	1		3		7
								3
2			1	7	3			8
8								
9		6		2	1			
	4				8			6
		5	3		6	2		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 14

5 6 6 9

Medium = 45

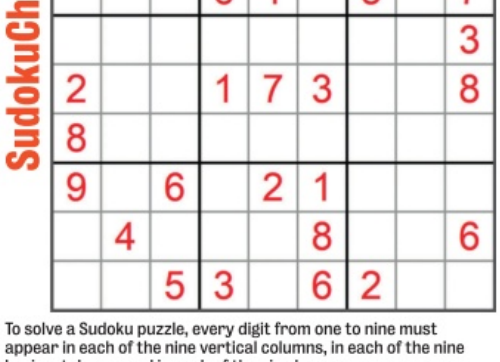
3 5 5 7

Hard = 19

1 3 8 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. School sign is lower. 2. Boy is moved. 3. Book is longer. 4. Windows are different. 5. Line in sidewalk is moved. 6. Base of building is shorter.

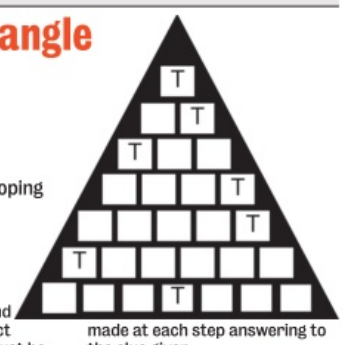
Riddler

When you behead a word, you remove the first letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Type of nut -> Starchy vegetable
2. Animal product -> Consume
3. Milk product -> Communicate orally
4. Grain product -> Understand writing

Alpha triangle

1 20th letter
2 Pronoun
3 Can
4 Bits of thread
5 Gleam
6 Flooring
7 Withering or drooping



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

BOO-HOO! ROVER WON'T COME OUT OF THE HOLLOW LOG
STOP BAWLING. I'LL GET YOUR STUPID DOG FOR YOU!
ROVER ISN'T A STUPID DOG!
8-29
...HE'S A PORCUPINE!

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Diamond Lil

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YOU HEARD RIGHT!
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WHEN DO THEY MEET?
NEVER!
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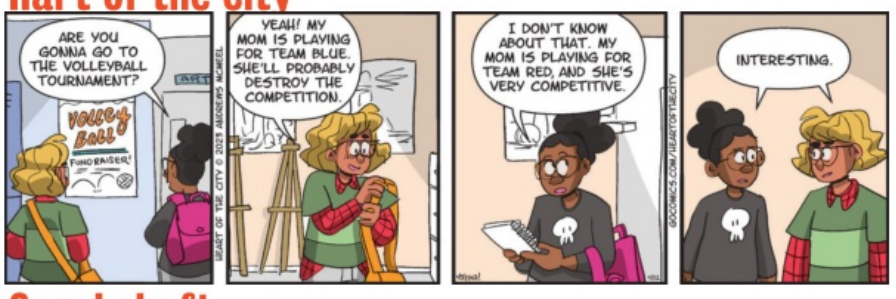
Hart of the city


ARE YOU GONNA GO TO THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT?
VOLLEY BALL
FUNDRAISER!
YEAH! MY MOM IS PLAYING FOR TEAM BLUE. SHE'LL PROBABLY DESTROY THE COMPETITION.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. MY MOM IS PLAYING FOR TEAM RED, AND SHE'S VERY COMPETITIVE.
INTERESTING.
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Crankshaft

OH, MY... LOOK AT THE TIME!
THAT WAS CERTAINLY AN ENTERTAINING DISCUSSION, LADIES!
HOPEFULLY, NEXT TIME WE CAN GET TO THE BOOK ITSELF!
9-9
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in the business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains are likely to be converted into losses.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; you may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence level. You are likely to start some new innovations with the help of your partner, which may increase your business in the near future.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon, you may perform well at work, and you may expect some promotions or transfers in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relations with the boss may be boosted now. Chronic health issues will be resolved now. That may make your family happy.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. That may give you confidence. You may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are also decisive, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You are likely to spend money on family and friends. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic lives. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are advised to control your straightforwardness; your loose talk may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless stuff. Your mind is likely to work very fast; it is advised to make any important decision with patience.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may make quick decisions, which may have benefits in your day-to-day life. You may make some difficult decisions with the help of your colleagues, and you are likely to achieve success easily. Property-related disputes between siblings are likely to be resolved. You may also expect some short trips.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you were advised to control your straightforwardness; your loose talk may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless stuff. Your mind is likely to work very fast; it is advised to make any important decision with patience.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may not feel better, old health issues may arise, and it may make you upset. You may make some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. It is advised that you should not keep money loose; otherwise, you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, there may be peace in the mind. You may plan to invest some capital in the business, which may increase its liquidity. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in family life. Singles are likely to find a suitable match. Lovebirds may make the decision to get married. Students will be blessed by good karma.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be very happy, and your losses may be converted into profits. Your seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You are likely to have some changes in your place, position, or responsibilities at work in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and lovebirds may make important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There are some gains in your business that may boost your finances.

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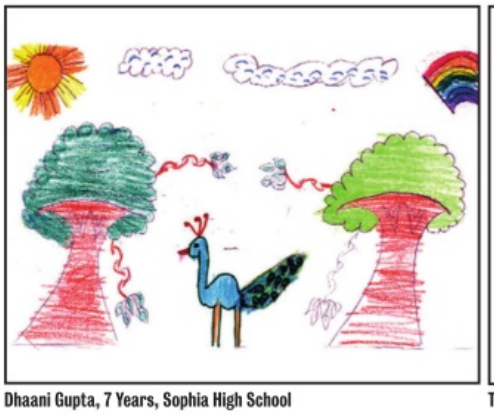
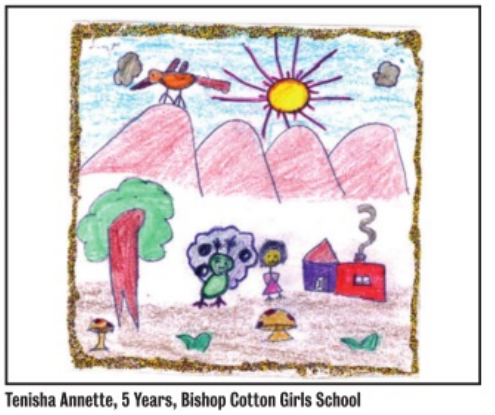


Dhaani Gupta, 7 Years, Sophia High School



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
9 x 4 ÷ 6 + √9
36 x 1/6 + 3
36/6 + 3
6 + 3 = 9

BULL'S EYE
coat, coop, coot, pact, taco, tact, TOPCOAT

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
E: the number of sides reduces by one at each stage, and the section two clockwise from the single white dot disappears

RIDDLER
1. Acorn -> Corn,
2. Meat -> Eat,
3. Butter -> Utter,
4. Bread -> Read

SUDOKU

7	1	8	5	3	2	6	4	9
4	6	3	9	8	7	5	1	2
5	2	9	6	1	4	3	8	7
6	9	1	8	4	5	7	2	3
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1	8	5	3	9	6	2	7	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, Tt, Tin, Lint, Glint, Tilting, Wilting.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 - 6 + 5 + 9 = 14
Medium
3 + 7 x 5 - 5 = 45
Hard
2 x 8 + 3 / 1 = 19

LOOP

KAKURO

FAST FIVE

C	U	R	B	S
A	L	U	L	A
R	E	G	U	R
O	M	B	R	E
M	A	Y	B	E

QUOTE UNCODE
It doesn't matter if the water is cold or warm if you're going to have to wade through it anyway.

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Threats again
The security of actor Salman Khan has been reviewed after the superstar received another threat on Tuesday, this time through Facebook, Mumbai Police said

Larger than life

'You discover real-life heroes through movies'

The life story of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw deserves to be told, says actor Fatima Sana Shaikh, who hopes her upcoming film "Sam Bahadur", on the decorated war hero, will inspire the new generation.

"Sam Bahadur" is directed by Meghna Gulzar and stars Vicky Kaushal in the title role. Fatima, who plays former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the film, said working on the film was a learning experience for her.

"'Sam Bahadur' will reach a lot of people. It will move and inspire a lot of people. A whole generation doesn't know about him, I didn't know about him. It is okay. Through movies, you discover real-life heroes.

"Sometimes you need somebody else to believe that this is the story that needs to be told, and it is a brave thing to do. It is a larger-than-life character, it is a responsibility that you are taking, it is a huge risk and we all are looking forward to this film," the actor said.

Regarding her portrayal of Gandhi in the film, Fatima said she wasn't sure if she could pull off the iconic character.

"I feel lucky to play this role. But to be honest, it took me a while to believe I could do it. She (Meghna) was already convinced but I wasn't. We have seen in the past that so many of them have played this role before, but what's interesting in this film is I'm playing a younger Indira Gandhi," she said.

It was critical to capture Gandhi's essence and that's why they chose to steer clear of prosthetics, she added. —PTI

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SHOTS
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Well suited

Yet another Kannada movie with a unique title is ready for release. This movie, The Suit, is directed by Bhagath Raj. The movie's tagline is Athithi Devo Bhava. A function was held for launching the soundtrack of the film recently. Ramaswamy in association with Malathi Gowda has bankrolled the movie.

"The suit has its own identity and importance. People, who are not used to wearing suits in day-to-day life, will like to attend functions wearing suits. The hero in the movie is like a suit. It means the other face of human beings in society," said director Bhagath Raj.

Kiran Shankar has scored the music while Kiran Hampapura has worked behind the camera. "More than 50 artistes acted in the movie," the director said. The Suit's speciality is well-known lyricist-cum-director Dr V Nagendra Prasad and former president of Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce Ba Ma Harish have acted in the movie. Pranaya Murthy, Deepthi Kapse, Bheesham Ramaiah are the important cast of the movie.

It's all politics

Another Kannada movie on politics is ready for release. Politics Kalyana's trailer and soundtrack were launched recently by music director-cum-actor V Manohar. Kavi Rajesh has helmed this movie which is scheduled for release shortly.

Ganesh Krishnamurthy, known for bankrolling tele serials, debuts as a producer in Sandalwood with this movie.

"This is my first Kannada movie. It is about politics in Karnataka. I agreed to bankroll it because of the script by Prahalad," said Ganesh Krishnamurthy.

On the occasion, director Kavi Rajesh said many senior and junior artistes have acted in the film. "The shoot of the movie was completed in five days at a convention hall in Bengaluru. We are thinking of releasing it next month. The need of the hour is to save people who bankroll Kannada movies," said director Kari Rajesh. Appreciating Prahlad for penning an interesting script for the movie, V Manohar said he has also acted in the movie. "Director Kavi Rajesh has tried to narrate politics of Karnataka with humour. My character in the movie is good," said Manohar.

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